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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that honor and respect is
3 paid to the truly great individuals who have served our
4 country, and in doing so, have gone above and beyond the call
5 of duty; and

6 WHEREAS, The heroic actions of Loren Duke Abdalla, a former
7 Marine Raider during World War II, are currently being reviewed
8 by President Barack Obama and Senator Richard Durbin for the
9 highest honor from the United States for military service, the
10 Medal of Honor; and

11 WHEREAS, Loren Abdalla's actions during World War II have
12 gone unnoticed for over 65 years; he fought in the Pacific
13 Theater in the battles of Peleliu and Okinawa; known as "The
14 Indian", due to his Native American heritage with the Yankton
15 Sioux Tribe from South Dakota, he was severely injured during
16 the Battle at Peleliu; after recovering at a hospital on
17 Guadalcanal, he rejoined his unit and fought in the Battle of
18 Okinawa; and

19 WHEREAS, During the Battle of Okinawa, in the face of heavy
20 enemy fire, Loren Abdalla bravely led his platoon to
21 successfully achieve the objectives that they were tasked with;
22 and

1 WHEREAS, On April 22, 2009, Loren Abdalla was honored by
2 the city council of Chicago and Mayor Richard M. Daley for his
3 military service; a resolution was presented calling on
4 President Obama and the U.S. Senate and House of
5 Representatives to review his military service in the hopes
6 that he will be properly honored; and

7 WHEREAS, Loren Abdalla's actions during the Battle of
8 Okinawa advanced the United States war effort in the Pacific
9 Theater and saved the lives of many of the soldiers around him
10 who were able to return home to their families; therefore, be
11 it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the heroic actions of
14 Loren Duke Abdalla during World War II are recognized and that
15 President Obama, Senator Durbin, Senator Kirk, and the other
16 members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation are urged and
17 encouraged to take the action necessary to ensure Loren Duke
18 Abdalla is awarded the Medal of Honor; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
20 presented to Loren Abdalla, President Barack Obama, Senator
21 Richard Durbin, Senator Mark Kirk, and the other members of the
22 Illinois Congressional Delegation.